

BIR Training

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Overview of this Report

This activity will involve COA members in determining what BIR members should know and be able to do as readers of Program Assessment Documents and members of Site Team Visits. Once objectives for what they should know and be able to do, and how we might assess them are determined, a proposal for the training can be developed.

Staff Recommendation

Information only.

Background

In the implementation of the revised accreditation system activities, it will be imperative that those involved in review activities be well trained, objective and effective. The initial training of BIR members can not only teach and assess certain skills, but it will give staff and participants themselves the opportunity to determine if they are indeed willing and capable to do the type of work under the deadlines required for Program Assessment review and Site Visits.

In the past, BIR members were trained for conducting Site Visits only. The new training will need to incorporate information about Site Visits and the reading of Program Assessment Documents. Not every BIR member will want, or be able to do, both, but understanding the link of the activities and how one informs the other will be important.